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Subject: County Board of Supervisors Changed Requirements for Fire Dept. Advisory Commission Residency in CSA 48

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Dear Fire Dept. Advisory Commission,
I want to ensure that you are aware of the December 6, 2022 Board of Supervisor actions to amend the Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.120 to remove the former requirement of Commissioner residency within CSA 48 or CSA 4 in order to serve as members of your Commission. I feel this was a real disservice to the residents who live within the service areas of Santa Cruz County Fire Dept. and pay for the service via CSA 48 and CSA 4 tax assessments.

The Board took this action via Item #10 on December 6, with final reading on December 13, 2022.

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Effective January 2, 2023, Districts 3 and 4 will bring in new Supervisors, who may in turn make new appointments to the Fire Dept. Advisory Commission.

Therefore, I respectfully request that your Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that priority be given to selecting Commissioners who live within the Santa Cruz County Fire Dept. service boundaries, because of the financial implications of your Commission's involvement in budgetary and policy matters that directly affect those who live within and pay assessments for cost of service by County Fire Dept. response units and personnel. I feel that Supervisors should consult with FireWise Community leaders within areas of their Districts that are in County Fire Dept. service areas to search for potential Commissioners interested in serving.

How can a County Fire Dept. Advisory Commissioner make cogent and meaningful recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for matters that affect emergency response service to the rural areas if the Commissioner is not affected by or financially responsible for the operational health of the County Fire Dept.?

Please place this issue on your January, 2023 agenda for discussion and consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the matter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner